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Appln. Title:

BRIGHT SURFACE STRUCTURE AND
A MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: April 30, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously For B & C See Required Separate Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		29	**minus 70	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims		4	***minus 4	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add					+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: April 30, 2003		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =	+ \$0			115/215
		(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 =				116/216
		(3 mos)	\$930/\$465 =				117/217
		(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =				118/218
		(5 mos)	\$1,970/\$985 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract					- \$0		
8. Extension Fee					+ \$0		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee					+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), add					+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request add					+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)					+ \$750/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)					x \$750/375 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					+ \$750/375	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE =						\$0	
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:

- (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel; and
- (b) a thin metal film formed on said resin film, wherein said thin metal film is made from a titanium-aluminum alloy containing 20-50% by weight of titanium and 80-50% by weight of aluminum, said thin metal film having a homogenous composition throughout a whole thickness of said thin metal film and having a color similar to pure chrome.

2. (Original) A structure according to claim 1, further comprising:

- (c) a clear protective film coated on said thin metal film.

3. (Twice Amended) A surface structure formed on an aluminum wheel for an automobile, said structure comprising:

- (a) a resin film coated on said aluminum wheel;